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PRESS RELEASE

Inmate Death – Thomas J. Burns

An inmate at the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution has died.

56-year old Thomas J. Burns, (DOB 04/18/1950) was pronounced dead at 4:52 a.m. on Monday morning May 30, 2006 following an apparent suicide. Burns was found hanging in his cell and was unresponsive. He was housed in the cell by himself.

Burns, of Hockessin, DE, was committed to the Young Correctional Institution on May 24, 2006 on charges of two counts of Forgery 2nd, one count of Forgery 3rd, offering a false instrument for filing and a Family Court Capias. Bail was set for \$500,000 cash for Superior Court Charges and \$3,500 Family Court child support arrears.

Burns' body has been released to the State Medical Examiner's Office. Foul play is not suspected.

Delaware State Police and HRYCI are investigating the matter as is standard procedure.

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